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While the threat of Count Kinkle is presumed over, Kouhei's life with Hazuki is still anything but normal! Now Hazuki is calling herself "Luna" and acting like little Miss Manners, all while taking strolls in the daytime! Could this have something to do with why she was locked away in the castle for all those years? And while Kouhei is trying to understand this new Hazuki, he may have some inner feelings he has to understand first...



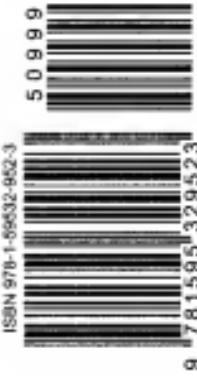
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# STORY SO FAR

Kouhei Mido has never had a close encounter with the supernatural kind. so why are ghosts showing up in every photo he takes? Things get even trickier when he meets up with the cute adorable (but watch out, she bites!) vampire, Hazuki at the spooky old German castle. Before he knows what's happening, Hazuki suddenly volunteers to move in with him back in Japan, as the team struggles to find her long lost mother. Easier said than done.

The vampire Count Kinkle and his accomplice Elfriede stubbornly attempted to take Hazuki back with them. During their final battle, Hazuki risked her own life to jump out into the sunlight and rescue Kouhei from a bitter end, causing her to lose consciousness. After the defeat of Count Kinkle, with the help of Elfriede, the team can finally catch a break. But when Hazuki awakens, she's taken on an entirely new persona and calls herself... "Luna".

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AND THE LORD WENT  
ON TO SAY...

"DRINK YE ALL OF  
IT; FOR THIS IS MY  
BLOOD OF THE NEW  
TESTAMENT."

AND THE LORD SAID...

"TAKE THIS AND EAT  
IT. FOR THIS IS MY  
BODY WHICH WILL BE  
GIVEN ON TO YOU."



Luna



(THIS PICTURE IS FROM "THE ANNUNCIATION".)



IT  
SOUNDS  
SUSPI-  
CIOUSLY  
JUST LIKE  
VAMPIRES.

BUT ALL  
YOU  
VAMPIRES  
ARE...

MY FLESH  
IS BREAD.  
MY BLOOD,  
WINE.

IT'S A  
QUOTE  
FROM  
"THE LAST  
SUPPER"  
IN THE  
BIBLE,  
ISN'T IT?

WELL...  
NO...

YOU  
DON'T  
BELIEVE  
ME, DO  
YOU?  
KOUHEI-  
SAN?

OH, BOI

SOUNDS  
FISHY.

WE ARE  
CALLED, "THE  
DESCENDANTS  
OF THOSE WHO  
ATE THE FLESH  
AND BLOOD  
OF GOD."

EXACTLY!

I AGREE.  
IT  
SOUNDS  
LIKE A  
BOGUS  
LIE.



IN A  
SENSE,  
WE ARE  
"TALENT  
EATERS."



WE ARE  
HERE  
TODAY,  
BECAUSE  
OUR ANCE-  
STORS POS-  
SESSED  
THAT  
ABILITY.



BY  
SUCKING  
THEIR  
BLOOD  
AND  
EATING  
THEIR  
FLESH,  
WE WERE  
ABLE TO  
ABSORB  
THOSE  
ABILITIES.



SO, IT  
MAY NOT  
ACTUALLY  
BE A LIE.



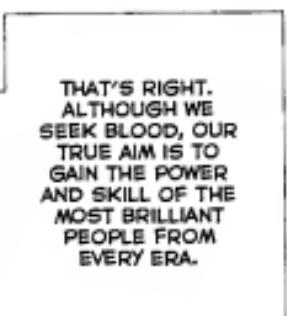
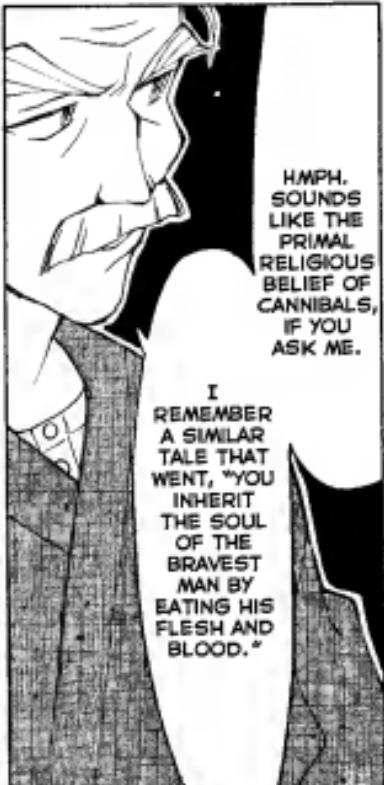
BUT I  
MUST  
TELL YOU  
THAT  
OUR  
HISTORY  
MATCHES  
THE  
LORE.



THROUGH ALL THESE MANY YEARS AND GENERATIONS, WE HAVE GAINED COUNTLESS ABILITIES BY DRINKING BLOOD AND DEVOURING THE FLESH OF OTHERS.

AND UNLIKE THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION, WHICH DEPENDS ON RANDOM SELECTION AND MUTATIONS, WE PROFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PERSON COMBINED WITH THEIR SPECIAL ABILITIES.

THIS EXCHANGE GIVES US A SPECIFIC TALENT, UNLIKE HEREDITY, WHICH RELIES ON RANDOM SELECTION.



WE SEEK TO BECOME "THE BEST OF THE BEST" IN ANY TIME WE LIVE.

THAT'S RIGHT. ALTHOUGH WE SEEK BLOOD, OUR TRUE AIM IS TO GAIN THE POWER AND SKILL OF THE MOST BRILLIANT PEOPLE FROM EVERY ERA.



YES. FOR EXAMPLE, COUNT KINKLE COULD CONTROL THE LIGHT AROUND HIM, WHEREAS I CAN COMMAND DEMONS.

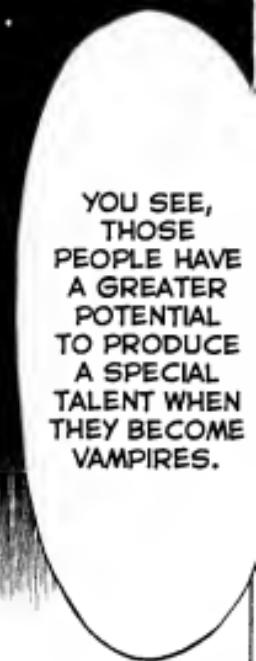
EACH VAMPIRE HAS HIS OR HER OWN SPECIAL TALENT.



IT SEEMS THAT WE CAN USE THIS SPECIAL TALENT WHETHER DAY OR NIGHT.



YOU MAY THINK OF IT ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THE HUMAN SAYING, "INDIVIDUALITY STANDS OUT."



YOU SEE, THOSE PEOPLE HAVE A GREATER POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE A SPECIAL TALENT WHEN THEY BECOME VAMPIRES.



SPECIAL TALENT?





KOUHEI!



I JUST  
WANTED  
TO TELL  
YOU AS  
FAST  
AS I  
COULD!

WAY UP HERE!

IT WAS  
SUCH A  
WONDERFUL  
VIEW...

... SEEING  
THE  
WHOLE  
CITY  
FROM  
UP  
THERE.

SINCE THE  
LAST FIGHT,  
HAZUKI  
CALLS  
HERSELF  
"LUNA."

I'M SO  
SORRY!

OKAY,  
OKAY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU USED TO MAKE ME PUT THESE ON!

THIS IS... SO HUMILIATING!

NO... I DIDN'T MAKE YOU WEAR IT. YOU HAD IT FROM BEFORE.

...SHE ACTS MUCH MORE SHY AND MUCH MORE INNOCENT THAN HAZUKI.

ALTHOUGH LUNA SOMETIMES STILL BEHAVES IN AN ECCENTRIC WAY LIKE THE ORIGINAL HAZUKI...

OKAY!

C'MON, HAZUKI. LET'S GO.

ALWAYS WANTING TO EXPLORE AS MANY DIFFERENT PLACES AS POSSIBLE.

SHE'S FASCINATED WITH THE DAYTIME WORLD.









SHE'S  
DEMANDING  
JUST LIKE  
HAZUKI.



JUST A  
LITTLE  
WHILE AGO,  
I USED TO  
JUST CALL  
HER, "HEY"  
OR "YOU."

LUNA, THIS IS  
EMBARRASSING.



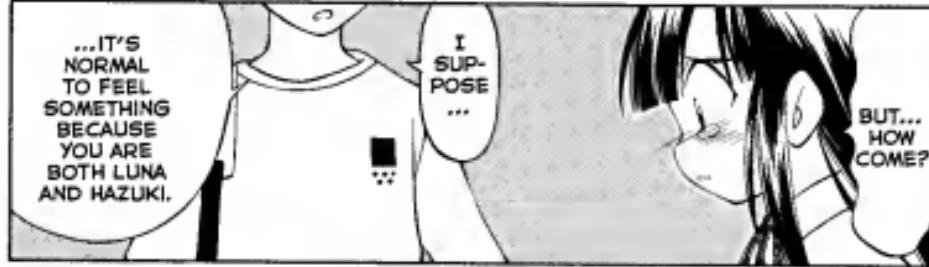




HAZUKI!

BE  
CARE-  
FUL!





HAZUKI!

LET'S  
GO  
HOME!

...I WANT  
TO SEE  
HAZUKI...

...ONE  
MORE  
TIME.





## PART 1



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Vampire in the Sunlight



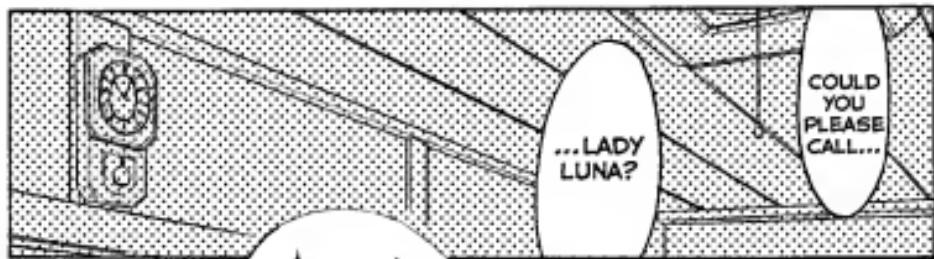


TO HIDE  
THAT LADY  
LUNA IS  
A DAY  
WALKER...



HOWEVER,  
IT ALWAYS  
FELT  
STRANGE  
ONCE I  
LEARNED  
SHE HAD  
TWO  
NAMES.

AND THAT  
MAY HAVE  
SOMETHING  
TO DO WITH  
HER ABILITY.













KOUHEI-SAN?

!?



OH!

千

I  
THOUGHT  
I TOLD  
YOU TO  
QUIT  
JOKING  
AROUND!

HO HO HO HO

DID  
THAT  
TURN  
YOU  
ON?



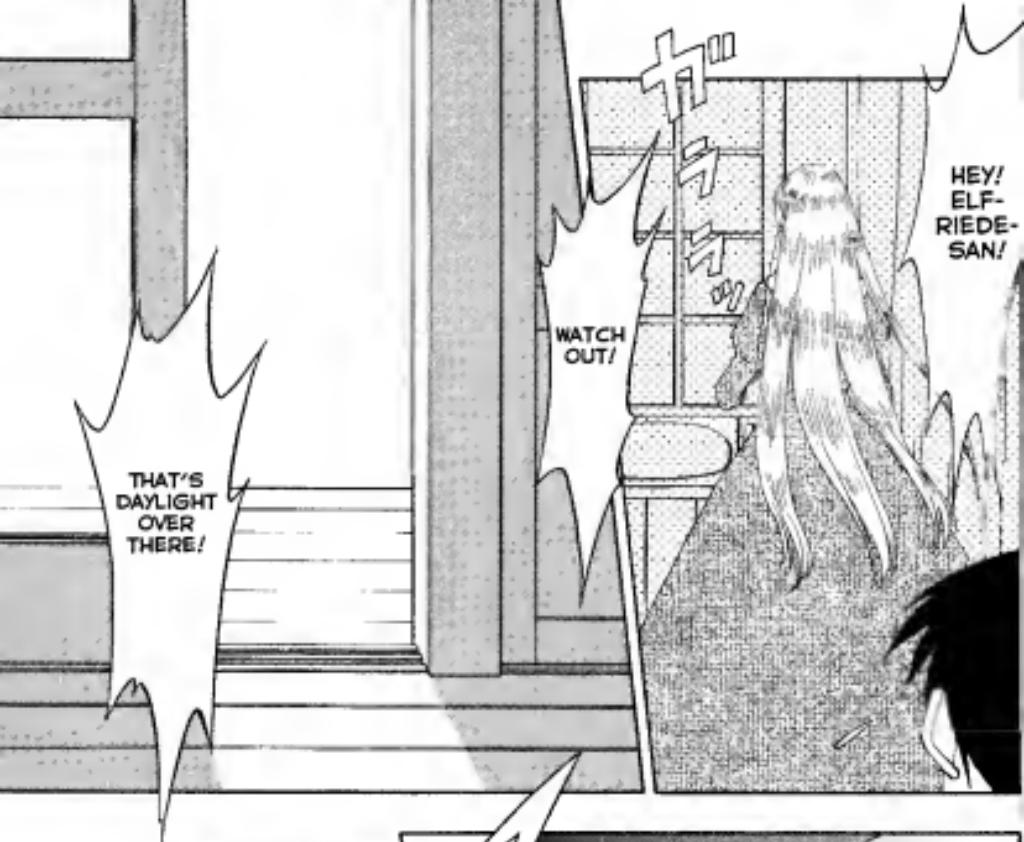




ELFRIEDE-  
SAN?

?!

トコトコ







OF COURSE,  
WE WILL  
NOT BE  
EXACTLY  
LIKE LADY  
LUNA.

A FEW  
MINUTES  
AFTER I  
WENT IN  
THE SUN,  
I STARTED  
FEELING  
THE BURN.

SO WE  
WILL NEED  
A LOT  
OF LADY  
LUNA'S  
BLOOD TO  
MAKE THE  
ABILITY  
STRONG.

BUT...

...VAMPIRES  
CAN MOVE  
ABOUT IN  
BROAD  
DAYLIGHT!

BY  
SIPPING  
LADY  
LUNA'S  
BLOOD  
...





LET ME  
MAKE  
THIS  
CLEAR.

ALTHOUGH  
I PROBABLY  
HAVE  
NEVER  
TOLD YOU  
THIS AS  
LUNA...

?!  
?

KOUHEI,  
YOU HAVE  
BEEN MY  
SLAVE  
THIS  
WHOLE  
TIME.

21

...I WAS  
NEVER  
YOUR  
SLAVE!

HAVE I  
EVER  
SAID  
I WAS  
YOUR  
SLAVE?

WHY  
ARE  
YOU SO  
SUR-  
PRISED  
?

WH...  
WHAT  
?

HURP



SEE, I  
HAVE A  
STRONG  
SENSE  
OF DUTY!  
YUP, YUP!

SO I'M  
GRATEFUL  
FOR WHAT  
YOU DID.

H-  
HEY!

?!

I'M SIMPLY  
REPAYING  
YOUR  
KINDNESS.

YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO  
GET  
LOST  
AGAIN!

WHERE  
ARE YOU  
GOING  
BY  
YOUR-  
SELF?

I  
HATE  
YOU  
SO  
MUCH!



WOMAN'S  
MINDS ARE A  
BOTTOMLESS  
MYSTERY.

KOUHEI





PART 2



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HEY,  
MISS,  
YOU  
GOT A  
MINUTE?

SHEESH  
...

Minds Passing By

))  
YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT  
I'M  
SAYING?

I'M  
GETTING  
DEPRESSED  
WITH YOU  
IGNORING  
ME.

Phase 12

Minds Passing By

C'MON,  
HAZUKI!

ENOUGH  
ALREADY!



WHAT?!

KOUHEI  
MUST'VE  
TAKEN  
ADVANTAGE  
OF LADY  
LUNA'S  
AFFECTIONS  
AND TRIED  
TRICKING  
HER.



I'M  
SORRY!  
PLEASE  
FORGIVE  
MY BEAST  
OF A  
GRAND-  
SON!

?!

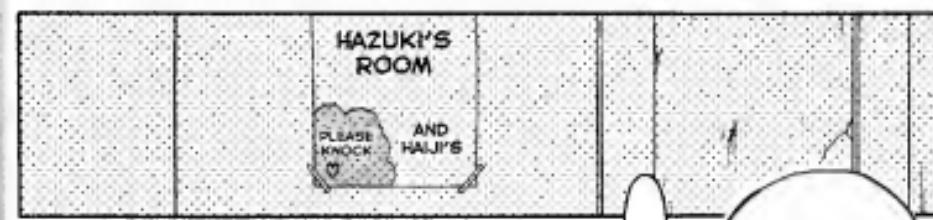
OHHH!  
WHAT A  
POOR  
GIRL!  
YOU  
HAVE MY  
PITY!

HEYYY! I  
HAVEN'T  
DONE  
ANYTHING  
WRONG!

I'VE  
FIN-  
ISHED  
CLEAN-  
ING.

SHEESH.







KOUHEI  
HAS  
NOTHING  
TO DO  
WITH ME!

AND SO, I  
AM SURE WE  
WILL HAVE NO  
DIFFICULTIES  
WITH KOUHEI-  
SAN AROUND.



BE-  
CAUSE  
...  
...H-HE  
SAID...

...  
HE'S  
NOT  
MY  
SLAVE.



THE NIGHT  
OF THE  
FULL MOON  
MEANS A  
HUNTING  
NIGHT FOR  
US, MOON  
PHASE  
MISTRESS-  
ES.

A  
SUDDEN  
CRAVING  
FOR  
BLOOD  
WILL  
ARRIVE.  
ONE THAT  
CANNOT  
BE  
SUBDUED  
EASILY.



SQUEEZE

HE  
SAID  
HE'S  
ONLY  
STILL  
WITH  
ME  
AS A  
FAVOR.



ELF-  
RIEDB-  
SAH?

COULD  
YOU  
GIVE ME  
SOME  
ADVICE?

卷之三



HELLO?  
THIS  
IS THE  
ANTIQUE  
STORE  
MARUMI-  
DOH.









GOOD  
EVE-  
NING,  
KOUHEI-  
SAN.

ARE YOU  
GOING  
SOME-  
WHERE?

ELF-  
RIEDE-  
SAN?

TONIGHT  
WE CAN  
SEE  
SUCH A  
BEAUTIFUL  
FULL  
MOON.







I CAN'T  
JUST  
LEAVE  
HER  
ALONE!

KOUHEI-SAN!

OH MY.

THAT  
DOESN'T  
MEAN  
ANY-  
THING  
TO ME!

HAVE A  
GOOD  
NIGHT!

SO?!



WHEN AM  
I GOING  
TO HAVE  
A MAN  
LIKE HIM  
IN MY  
LIFE?!

YAWN

HE CAN  
LEAVE  
ME, BUT  
HE CAN'T  
LEAVE  
LADY LUNA  
ALONE!

GRANDPA!

RATTLE





...SO  
DESPER-  
ATELY?



DAMN  
IT!





## PART 3



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Confession

HEY,  
HAIJI!

WHY  
AM  
I...

...WITH  
KOU-  
HEI?



ALTHOUGH  
I'VE  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT IT  
AGAIN AND  
AGAIN...

...I CAN  
NEVER  
FIND AN  
ANSWER.

Phase29 Confession





→3

HUFF

HUFF

I AM  
SUCH  
A...

...  
LOS-  
ER.

AAARGH!

GRR!

I'M SO  
PATHE-  
TIC!

I'M  
GETTING  
SO  
JEALOUS

...

WHO  
IS HER  
GUAR-  
DIAN?

DAMN  
IT  
ALL!

WHO  
IS THE  
VICTIM?

THE  
THOU  
OF  
MAK  
ME  
FEEL



...OVER  
A LITTLE  
GIRL!

I'M  
ASHAMED  
OF  
MYSELF!

AHHH!







BUT I'LL  
BET I CAN  
EASILY  
FIND A  
NEW SLAVE  
JUST BY  
WEARING  
THESE CAT  
EARS.



HE APPEARED IN THE  
PAUSE LINE OF VOLUME 1.

TETSUYA KAKU  
(AGE 29)  
JOB: FAMOUS  
COMPUTER  
PROGRAMMER  
WEAKNESS: CAT EARS

HUH?

HIS FUTURE DREAM...  
FALLING IN LOVE  
WITH A GIRL WITH  
CAT EARS IN TOWN.

NOOOOO  
PROBLEM  
!!

ARE YOU  
SURE? I  
SUCK A  
LOT OF  
BLOOD!

EX-  
CUSE  
ME...

...

I LOVE  
VAMPIRES!

Go!

OK!!

I...I'M A  
VAMPIRE.  
WOULD  
YOU BE  
INTEREST-  
ED IN  
BECOMING  
MY SLAVE?

YOU MUST  
HAVE MORE  
RESPECT  
FOR  
YOURSELF.

NO.

THAT'S A  
HORRIBLE  
IDEA!

CAN I TAKE  
OFF THE  
CAT EARS  
NOW?

THINK WE  
SHOULD GET  
OUT OF HERE?

HAIJI...?

MRRAUW

1...1...!

I WOULD  
ESPECIALLY  
L-LOVE  
TO SEE A  
CAT TAIL  
COMING  
OUT...

...AND  
M-MAYBE  
EVEN  
CATCH A PEEK  
OF YOUR  
UNDER-  
WEAR!!













MADE BY GRANDPA



YOU SAID  
YOU'RE  
NOT MY  
SLAVE,  
ANYWAY!!

SO WHAT  
GIVES  
YOU THE  
RIGHT TO  
COMPLAIN?!

REALLY?

WHY  
TROUBLE  
OTHER  
PEOPLE?!

WHY  
DON'T  
YOU ASK  
ME IF  
YOU WANT  
BLOOD?!

WH--

WHAT  
DID YOU  
SAY?!

SO DON'T  
CAUSE  
TROUBLE  
WITH  
OTHER  
PEOPLE!

I'M HERE  
TO SERVE  
YOUR  
NEEDS,  
AREN'T I?



I  
DON'T  
WANT  
ANY-  
THING  
FROM  
YOU!

...ANY  
PITY  
FROM  
YOU!

I  
DON'T  
WANT...



ARE  
YOU  
SAYING  
YOU'RE  
DOING  
THIS  
FOR MY  
SAKE?



WHAT  
NEEDS?



TO SERVE  
MY  
NEEDS?



...I  
KNEW  
YOU  
WERE  
STILL  
THE  
SAME  
PERSON.

...AND  
YOU  
REACTION  
DIFFE-  
RENTLY  
THAN  
HAZUKI...

EVEN WHEN  
YOU STARTED  
CALLING  
YOURSELF  
"LUNA" AND  
FORGOT ABOUT  
EVERYTHING  
THAT HAPPENED  
TO YOU...

I COULD  
FEEL IT  
FROM  
THE  
START.



THAT'S  
WHY...

WAHHH!

WA...

W...

...I  
WANTED  
AN  
EXCUSE  
TO STAY  
BY YOUR  
SIDE.



FOR  
SOME  
REASON,  
IT FEELS  
BETTER  
THAT  
WAY.

I DON'T  
CARE IF  
I HAVE  
TO BE  
HER  
SLAVE.



...I HOPE  
I CAN GET  
USED TO  
THIS, TOO.

SOMEDAY...

MOON  
PHASE  
BONUS  
THEATER

STARTING  
NOW!

The Famous Computer Programmer  
Tetsuya Kaku (age 29)  
After that...

WHO IS  
CALLING  
ME?!

I WILL  
ACCEPT  
YOU, EVEN  
THOUGH  
OTHER'S  
DON'T.

YOU  
ARE A  
CHOSEN  
ONE.

WHO?

WAKE  
UP!

TETSUYA  
KAKU  
(AGE  
29)/

WAKE  
UP...

HERE I  
COME  
BEFORE  
YOU IN  
A MAID  
OUTFIT!

THE CAT  
EAR GIRL  
WITH  
GLASSES!





## PART 4



OH,  
CUTEY!  
I'M...  
I'M...

NO!  
WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
DOING?

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ER,  
YEAH?

I SAID  
THAT  
ALL  
RIGHT.

HEY,  
KOUHEI?

YOU  
SAID YOU  
LOVED  
ME  
EARLIER,  
DIDN'T  
YOU?

HEE  
HEE!

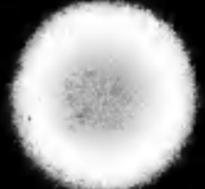
COUGH

WOULD IT  
MAKE YOU  
SMILE IF  
I SAID, "I  
LOVE YOU,  
TOO"?  
♥



Phase 30 Luna is Me and I am Luna





I KNOW...

WHAT  
A  
BIG...

MOON

?

I KNOW  
IT'S  
WELL...





"YOU'RE  
STILL THE  
SAME GIRL  
I'VE ALWAYS  
LOVED!"

HOW  
LONG  
HAVE YOU  
BEEN...?!

WHO'RE  
YOU  
CALLING A  
MONSTER?

I SEE NOW  
THAT IT WOULD  
ABSOLUTELY NO  
GOOD TO LEAVE  
POOR INNOCENT  
LADY LUNA  
IN THE CARE  
OF A WICKED  
MONSTER LIKE  
YOURSELF.

OH NO

DAMN  
PREDATORS  
TO ME

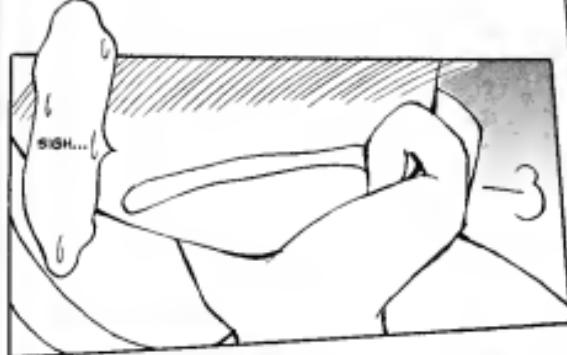
IT'S  
NOT  
EASY  
TO SAY  
SUCH A  
THING!

I  
BELIEVE  
THE WORDS  
HERE...

NO ONE  
CAN SAY  
SUCH A  
CHEESY  
THING  
SO  
EASILY!

...I  
MIGHT  
JUMP  
YOU?





OH MY GOD!



I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT!







IT SEEMS  
LIKE HER  
SIPPING  
YOUR  
BLOOD  
HELPED  
BRING  
BACK HER  
MEMORY.

ELFRIEDE-  
SAN TOLD  
ME...

...HERSELF  
SINCE  
SHE WOKE  
UP THIS  
MORNING.

PROB-  
ABLY.

IS  
THAT  
TRUE?

NO  
PRO-  
BLEMS.

WHAT?!  
YOU  
GOT A  
PRO-  
BLEM  
WITH  
SOME-  
THING?!

SIGH...



GOOD  
LUCK  
WINNING  
BACK  
SOME  
OF THAT  
TRUST!

I'LL BE  
BACK IN  
A FEW  
HOURS.

GRANDPA,  
I'M GOING  
TO APOLO-  
IZE TO MY  
SUPER-  
VISOR.

THANKS.

ALL  
RIGHT.

...THAT  
YOU  
DON'T  
REMEM-  
BER  
THAT  
THING  
YOU  
SAID.

I'M  
JUST  
DISAP-  
POINTED

I NEVER  
NEED-  
ED A REA-  
SON





I REMEM-BER EVERY-THING.

EVERY-THING.

I REMEM-BER ABOUT YESTER-DAY...  
AND I REMEM-BER ABOUT BEING EXPOSED TO THE SUN LIGHT.





THAT  
WAS  
NICE.

THANKS  
FOR  
THE  
OFFER.

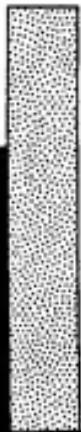


DON'T  
WORRY!  
I'LL  
BE ALL  
RIGHT!

I CAN  
HANDLE  
IT!

PLUS, I'LL  
LOOK DUMB  
IF I BRING  
A GIRL  
WITH ME TO  
APOLOGIZE.

BUT  
DON'T  
WORRY.  
IT WAS  
MY OWN  
DECISION  
TO LOOK  
FOR YOU  
INSTEAD  
OF GOING  
TO WORK.



I SEE  
YOU'RE  
CERTAINLY  
MAKING  
YOURSELF  
RIGHT AT  
HOME.

I CAUGHT  
MYSELF A  
MONEY-  
HORDE  
LAST  
NIGHT, SO  
DECIDED TO  
RENOVATE  
MY ENTIRE  
ROOM

HE'S A  
FAMOUS  
PROG-  
RAMMER.

YES,  
LIKE...

DID YOU START  
REMEMBERING  
ANYTHING NEW?

I SEE.

SO YOU  
JUST LOST  
SOME  
OF YOUR  
MEMORY.

ELFRIEDE'S  
ROOM



YES.

IN  
THE  
MAN-  
SION  
WAS  
MY  
MO-  
THER  
...

...AND MY  
MOTHER'S  
SLAVE,  
"MARIO."

HE  
WAS  
VERY  
KIND.

HE  
WAS  
ALWAYS  
AROUND  
MY  
MOTHER  
AND ME.

I LIKED  
HIM A  
LOT.

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO LADY  
LUNA?

KINKLE  
IS NOW  
NO  
MORE.

SHE'S  
FINE.

SHE IS  
IN NO  
REAL  
DAN-  
GER.

THE CASTLE  
LAYS EMPTY,  
WITH NOT A SINGLE  
TRACE  
OF HIS  
EXISTENCE  
LEFT.



WHAT A  
TRULY  
WONDERFUL  
GIRL  
SHE IS.

SHE  
IS THE  
ONLY  
ONE WHO  
MAKES  
ME FEEL  
THIS  
WAY.

...TO  
PASS  
EACH  
DAY  
WITH NO  
WORD  
FROM  
HER.

AL-  
THOUGH  
I UNDER-  
STAND  
HOW  
HARD IT  
MUST  
BE...



I  
THOUGHT  
IT WOULD  
BE BEST  
IF YOU  
LOOK  
FOR  
HER...

...SINCE  
YOU  
KNOW  
HER SO  
WELL.



ISN'T  
THAT  
RIGHT?  
MARIO?



## PART 5

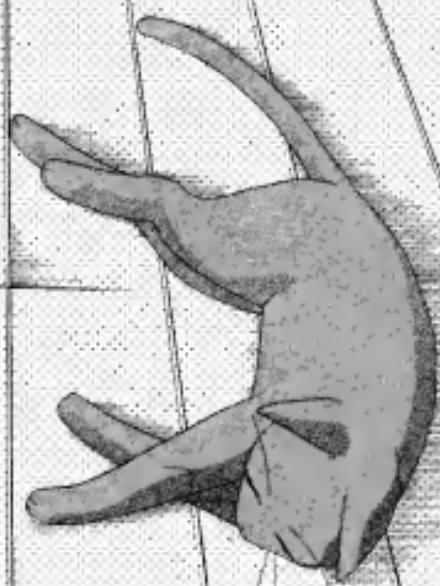


THE  
END

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Phase3) The Memory of Haiji

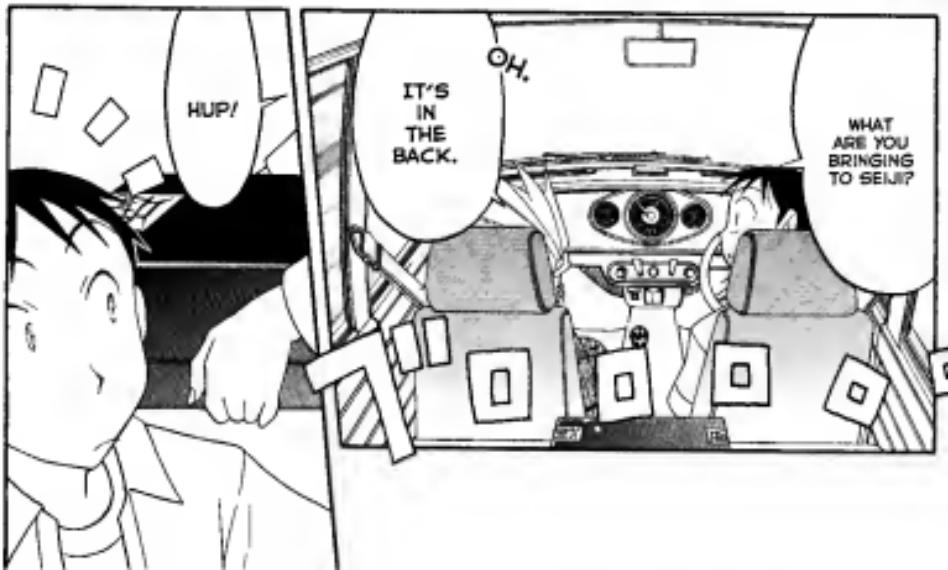


...BUT I  
DON'T  
KNOW  
IF  
THAT'S  
A  
GOOD  
IDEA.

I WOULD  
LIKE TO  
GIVE HER  
SOME OF  
MY ACTIVE  
ENERGY...













I'M SORRY,  
WE WON'T  
TAKE TOO  
MUCH TIME  
SINCE  
HAZUKI IS  
LOOKING FOR HAIJI.

LET'S TAKE  
CARE OF THIS  
BUSINESS  
QUICKLY.



IT  
MOTIVATES  
ME TO GET  
THE WORK  
DONE.



WAKE  
UP,  
LITTLE  
FELLA.



CAN YOU  
TAKE THE  
FORM OF A  
HUMAN-BEING?





FOURTEEN  
YEARS  
AGO, SHE  
LEFT US A  
MESSAGE  
WITH THE  
WORDS,  
"THERE  
WAS A  
VAMPIRE."

SHE  
NEVER  
CAME  
BACK  
AFTER  
THAT  
DAY.

SHE'S  
JUST  
MISSING.

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?!!  
MY  
MOTHER  
IS DEAD!

WE  
COULDN'T  
FIND A  
TRACE  
OF ANY  
VAMPIRE,  
EITHER.

...BUT  
NEVER  
FOUND A  
SINGLE  
TRACE.

WE DID  
EVERY-  
THING WE  
COULD TO  
LOOK FOR  
HER...

...

SO,  
YOU  
HAVE  
BEEN...

...LYING  
TO ME  
THIS  
WHOLE  
TIME?

...YOU  
BROUGHT  
HAZUKI  
AND  
HAIJI.

RIGHT  
WHEN I  
WAS ABOUT  
TO GIVE UP  
SEARCHING  
FOR HER...

I AM  
SORRY...

I AM  
MERELY  
THE  
SHIKIGAMI  
OF  
SHIZURU  
AS AKUDA,  
AND SO...

...I AM JUST  
A SEMBLANCE  
OF HER  
PERSONALITY  
COMBINED  
WITH MY  
PARTIAL  
MEMORIES.



AKUDA  
...PLEASE  
TELL ME  
EVERYTHING  
YOU KNOW.

?!  
HOW  
COULD  
I...

...TELL  
MY  
GRAND-  
CHILD  
THAT HIS  
MOTHER  
LEFT  
HIM?

...I DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION, SAVE THAT REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF HAZUKI.

ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT I INHERITED AKUDA FROM SHIZURU-SAN...

...AND HIDE THE FACT THAT SHE IS A DAY-WALKER.

TO PROTECT HER, WE HAD TO KEEP HER FROM MEETING OTHER VAMPIRES...

I ONLY HAVE MEMORIES OF WHEN SHE WAS AT THE CASTLE.

ANY MEMORY OF ME BELONGING ANYWHERE ELSE... DOES NOT EXIST.





EVEN  
HIS OWN  
CHILD...

...IS  
NOT  
SAFE.

!?

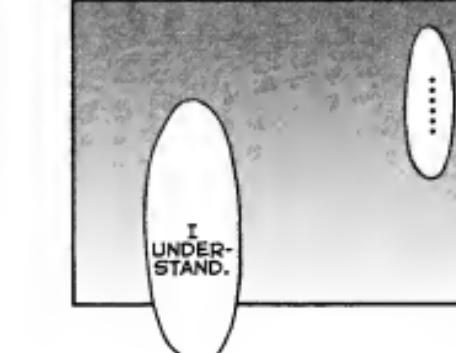


HAZU-  
KI'S  
FA-  
THER  
...



NO  
WAY!

...WILL DO  
ANYTHING  
TO MAKE  
HIS POWER  
STRONGER.



HAIJI,  
DON'T  
SCARE  
ME LIKE  
THAT!

HAIR

WHAT  
WOULD  
YOU  
DO IF I  
COULDN'T  
FIND  
YOU?

HOW  
COULD  
YOU  
JUST  
PASS  
OUT  
OUTSIDE  
LIKE  
THAT?

I  
PROMISE.

I WILL  
PROTECT  
HER.







WE ARE  
GOING  
TO OVER-  
WRITE  
...



STABBED  
TOO  
DEEP!









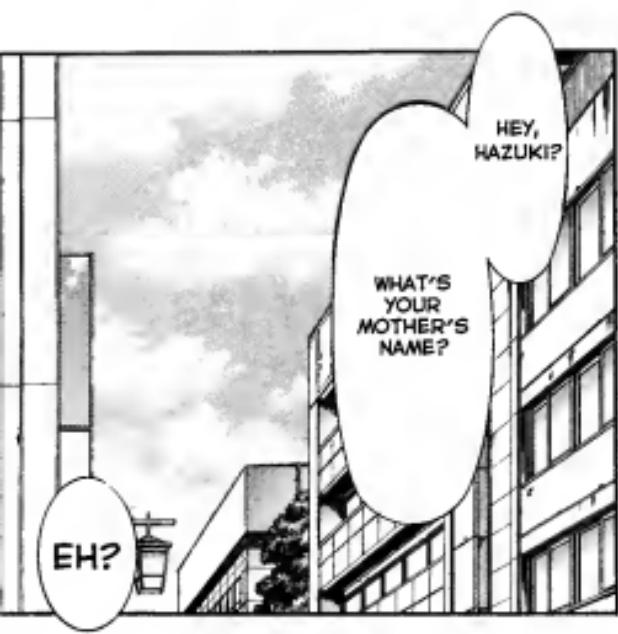




NICE  
TO  
MEET  
YOU!

OF  
COURSE.

MOTHER...





NEXT CHARACTER COMMING SOON

